

## Philharmonic Gives Strauss A Whole Evening

By Sylvester Rawling.

JOSEF STRANSKY and the Philharmonic Society's Orchestra, with Marcelle Craft, soprano, as soloist, presented an all-Richard Strauss programme at Carnegie Hall last night. Not so long ago Strauss was held to be an obsession. Already he is becoming a classic. The world moves in music as in other things. Mrs. Craft's opportunity came at the end of the finale to "Salome" in which she performed her part creditably. It may be doubted, however, whether the scene should be presented on the concert stage. For the rest, there were the preludes to "Don Quixote," the awesome tone poem "Death and Transfiguration" and another tone poem, "Life of a Hero," in which Maximilian Pilsner, the concert-master, had a chance to show his rich gifts as a violinist. Throughout, the orchestra played superbly and once it was forced by the insistence of the audience to rise and bow with Mr. Stransky in acknowledgment of the applause.

Julia Culp established herself at once as a great singer of German lieder the first time she appeared before us some seasons ago. When her consummate art is reinforced by her voice at its loveliest, she is irresistible. The conjunction took place at her "intimate" recital in Aeolian Hall yesterday afternoon. A large audience was enthralled by her Schubert, Franz, Cornelius and Brahms made her programme. She repeated Cornelius's "Ein Ton" and if the audience could have had its way she would have repeated several other songs, Schubert's "Ave Maria," for instance, which is one of the things she does best. Nobly sung was Brahms's "Der Schmelde" at the end. Her accompanist at the piano was that artist, Leonhard V. Bos.

Sophia Braslau of the Metropolitan Opera Company gave a recital at Aeolian Hall last night that charmed a large audience. Her voice is a true contralto, rich and warm. It is strongly reminiscent of Louise Homer and, too, like Mme. Homer, Mrs. Braslau's enunciation is clearly. There's a note of authority in her voice, the fault, Mrs. Braslau. It's worth while, for you are worth hearing. Mrs. Braslau's programme ran from Bach and Handel to Korby and included Schubert, Brahms, Strauss, a Russian group, and her teacher, Huzzi-Pecchia's "Fairy Song." Richard H. Geman, at the piano, accompanied her admirably.

Anna Pavlova's marvellous dancing was rewarded at the Forty-fourth Street Theatre yesterday afternoon by the enthusiastic applause of an audience worthy of her genius. She and her Russian ballet appeared in Spanish dances, in "Waltz Night" and in light diversions. She will bid farewell to us at the Hippodrome next Sunday night.

"Lohengrin" got a fine performance at the Metropolitan Opera House last night with Emmy Destinn as Elsa and Jacques Urli as the name part, his singing of the narrative really beautiful. Beside the cast held the names of Margarete Matzenauer, Hermann Weill, Carl Braun and Carl Schlegel. The chorus was excellent and Mr. Bodanzky conducted with authority.

## SLAIN, ROBBED, HIS BODY IN SACK FOUND IN LAKE

Cleveland Man Leads Phoenix Posse Which Captures Murderers of His Sick Son.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 14.—Charles Thomas of Peninsula, O., head of the Moody and Thomas Milling Company, this city, arrived in Peninsula from Phoenix, Ariz., today with the body of his son, Charles, who had been murdered and a story of the tragedy. He said two men are held in Phoenix for the murder, and only his intervention prevented their being hanged by a posse which captured them.

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